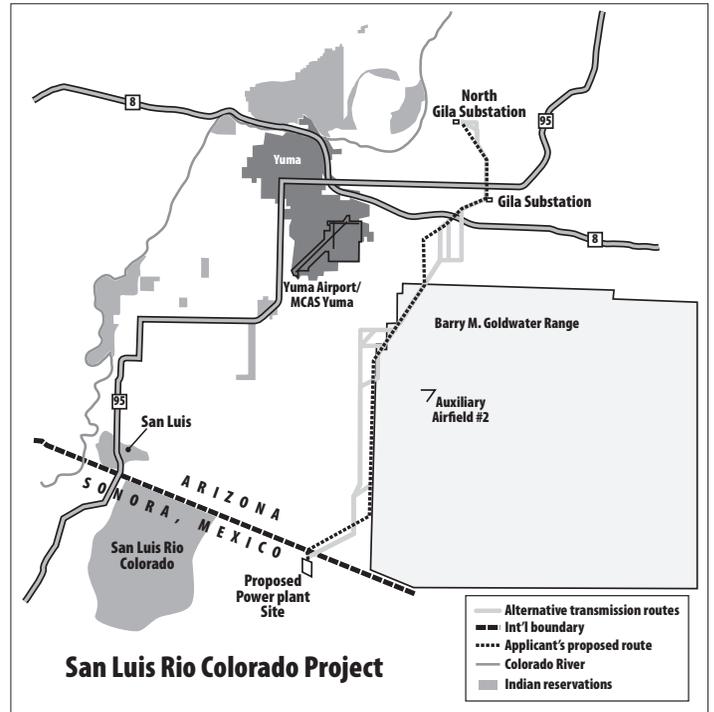


Western issues Draft Environmental Impact Statement on proposed San Luis Rio Colorado Project Public hearing set, comments invited

You are invited to review Western's draft environmental findings on the San Luis Rio Colorado Project, proposed for Yuma County, AZ. We need your comments to ensure we've addressed all relevant issues and alternatives. To help you understand the proposed project and the findings from our environmental report, Western scheduled an afternoon session and an evening session, Dec. 7 in Yuma, AZ. Each session will begin with an open house followed by a public hearing. You may attend either the afternoon or evening session. Meeting facilities are wheelchair accessible and a Spanish-speaking representative will be present. Please contact us at 602-605-2592 if you need other accommodations to attend the open house or hearing.



Western issued a draft environmental impact statement for a proposed transmission line that would originate at the proposed San Luis Rio Colorado Power Center in Mexico; interconnect with the existing Gila Substation, east of Yuma; and continue to the existing North Gila Substation, northeast of Yuma. The draft EIS is available for review at libraries in Yuma, Foothills, San Luis, and Somerton, AZ. You can also request a copy via Western's Web site at www.wapa.gov/transmission/intersanluis.htm or by completing and mailing the attached postcard to us—no postage required.

Open house

2 to 3 p.m.

Public hearing

3 to 5 p.m.

OR

Open house

6 to 7 p.m.

Public hearing

7 to 9 p.m.

Dec. 7, 2006

Yuma Civic and Convention Center

1440 West Desert Hills Drive

Yuma, AZ

To learn more about the project or share your comments:

- Visit our Web site
- Attend the open house or public hearing
- Comment on the Draft EIS

Send us your comments on the Draft EIS in writing by fax, mail or e-mail. Comments must be received by Dec. 26, 2006.

Send comments to:

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Please send me a copy of the San Luis Rio Colorado Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement

- I'd like to receive the DEIS in the following format:
- Send me a copy on CD-ROM
- Send me a printed copy (about 350 pages)
- Send me only the executive summary (about 30 pages)

Para información en español sobre el proyecto, visite www.wapa.gov/transmission/intersanluis.htm

Tell us how to reach you

Please give us your contact information so we can send you the San Luis Rio Colorado Project DEIS and keep you updated about the project. Western will not share your contact information with other organizations.

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San Luis Rio Colorado Project Specific issues studied, findings of Draft Environmental Impact Statement

These issues and concerns were identified during scoping and are addressed in the San Luis Rio Colorado Project Draft EIS:

- Agriculture
- Air quality
- Aviation safety
- Cost of power
- Cumulative impacts
- Environmental process
- Health and safety
- Land use compatibility
- Paleontology
- How project power would be marketed

- Power supply
- Project description
- Threatened, endangered and special status species
- Transmission line route and configuration
- Visual impacts
- Water
- Out-of-scope issues, including actions and processes in Mexico

The Draft EIS concludes that while impacts to environmental resources would occur, no significant long-term impacts to resources are expected from

constructing, connecting, operating and maintaining the proposed project. Short-term effects would be primarily related to construction activities and would be minor and temporary.

There is one significant impact that was not mitigated—a conflict with the City of Yuma's plans to build the East Yuma Freeway. The city passed a resolution opposing the project, so there is one unmitigated significant impact regarding the use of right of way within the City of Yuma.

Where can I review the Draft EIS?

Copies of the Draft EIS are available for review at:

- **Yuma County Library**
350 3rd Avenue
Yuma, AZ 85364
928-782-1871
- **Foothills Branch Library**
11299 S Glenwood Ave.
Yuma, AZ 85367
928-342-1640
- **San Luis Branch Library**
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